Army Review Boards Ag

Serving Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families,
with Justice, Equity, and Compassion

Mission and Functions

- **The Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) in Arlington, Virginia decides over 23,800 administrative cases annually for the Secretary of the Army through its 14 component boards for Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families with justice, equity, and compassion in order to maintain trust with the American people.**

- **ARBA is authorized 135 personnel (119 civilians and 16 military) with 157 DA senior civilian volunteer board members for the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR).**

- **Makes decisions based on the individual merits of each case.**
- **Presents decisions in a clear and concise response**

ARBA Principles

Trust is the bedrock upon which we ground our relationship with the American people. Trust reflects the confidence and faith that the American people have in the Army to effectively and ethically serve the nation, while resting easy that the Army is no threat to them.

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- **As a Field Operating Agency reporting to the Secretary of the Army, ARBA assists in self-regulating the Army to maintain trust with Soldiers, Veterans, their Families and ultimately the American people.**
- **Applies Army Values and Regulations consistently across the Army in board decisions.**
- **Every applicant's issues are analyzed and reviewed in a fair, objective manner.**
- **Treats all applicants with dignity and respect.**

Army Values

Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Selfless Service
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage

FY 14 Priorities

- **Meet and exceed Congressional Mandate for case processing time (90% within 10 months – 100% within 18 months)**
- **Support Secretary of the Army and ASA (M&RA) priorities and initiatives**
- **Proactively pursue legislative and regulatory changes to improve our service to customers**
- **Continuous business process analysis and improvements**
- **Trend analysis of cases and systemic corrective actions**
- **Outreach and responsiveness to Congress, Veterans' Organizations, and Army Commands**
- **National Re-accreditation of Clemency and Parole Board**

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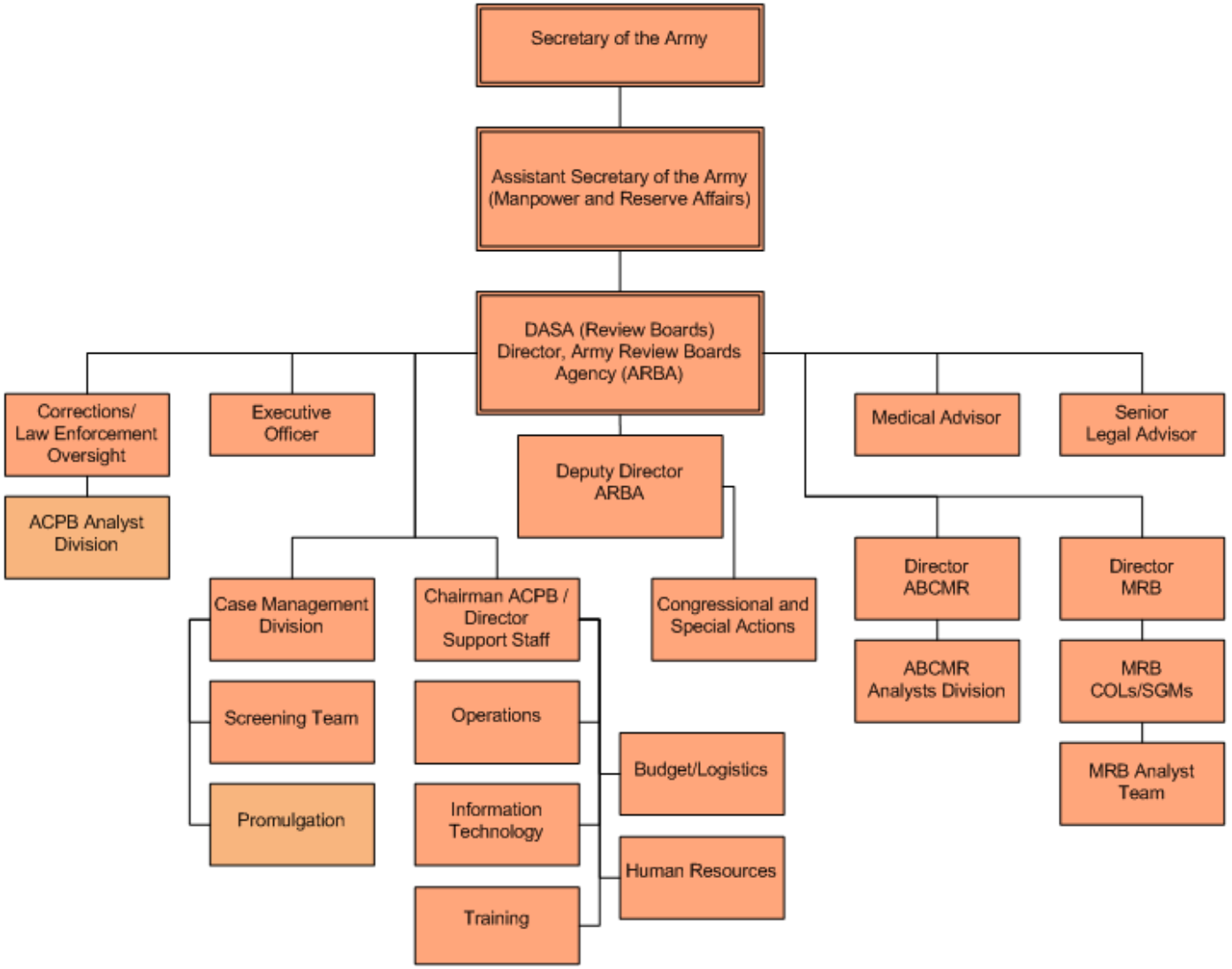

ARBA Boards

- Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)
- Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB)
- Army Grade Determination Review Board (AGDRB)
- Army Board of Review for Eliminations (ABRE)
- Army Ad Hoc Board (AAHB)
- Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Officers) (AABB)
- Army Special Review Board (ASRB) – evaluations
- DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DASEB)
- DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)
- Army Physical Disability Appeal Board (APDAB)
- Army Physical Disability Review Board (APDRB)
- Army Disability Rating Review Board (ADRRB)
- Interment, Inurnment, & Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)
- Army Clemency and Parole Board (ACPB)
- (Army Decision Authority for DoD Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR))

Military Review Boards (MRB)

Procedural Highlights - Most Boards

1. **Soldier/Veteran/Family Member submits an application:**
   - **Applicant bears the burden of proof**
   - **Must exhaust other administrative remedies**
2. **ARBA Staff analyzes the case:**
   - **Presumption of administrative regularity**
   - **Boards are not investigative bodies**
   - **Assembles facts from military records, advisory opinions, applicant's supporting evidence, regulations, and laws**
   - **Some cases are administratively closed if there are no records, case is not appropriate for Board review, or issue can be corrected administratively**
3. **Staff analysis and case materials are submitted to a Board for consideration and vote**

Army Board for Correction of Military Records

Board of 3 DA Senior Civilians

- The highest administrative board in the Army established by Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552 to correct errors and injustices in military records.

Army Administrative "Supreme Court"

- Awards
- Separations
- Promotions
- Retirements
- Disabilities
- Evaluation Reports
- Pay and Allowances
- Survivor Benefit Plans
- Homes of Record
- Titling Decisions
- Clemency Petitions
- Memoranda of Reprimand

16,245 Cases in FY13

Army Discharge Review Board

Board of 5 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Established by Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1553 to review discharges of former Soldiers:**
  - **For propriety and equity**
  - **15-year statute of limitations**
  - **Excludes General Court Martial discha and disability separations**

- **Procedures include:**
  - **Personal appearance and records revi**
  - **Priority processing for Army diagnose**

  on the Board

- **Factors commonly considered by the Board:**
  - **Propriety: due process, limited use**
  - **Equity: characterization to PTSD contributed**

3,475 Cases in FY13

Other Military Review Boards

Board of 3 Colonels / Sergeants Major

- **Army Special Review Board (ASRB)**
  - Enlisted Evaluation Appeals
  - Officer Evaluation Appeals

173 Enlisted Cases
111 Officer Cases
520 Cases in FY13

- **DA Suitability Evaluation**
  B
  filing appeals

Board of 3 Colonels, 1 Attorney, and 1 Chaplain

- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**
  - Category 1-O = separation
  - Category 1-A-O = reassignment to non-combatant duties

17 Cases in FY13

Grade Determination & Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels or General Officers

- **Army Grade Determination Review Board**
  Determines highest grade in which a member served satisfactorily:
  - Enlisted Soldiers/warrant office
  serving
  30 total years on active and
  - Officer grade at time of retirement
  - At separation for disability

809 Cases FY13

- **Army Board of Review for Eliminations**
  Reviews records and briefs of office
  been
  recommended for elimination for m
  substandard performance by Boards of Inquiry in the field

125 Cases FY13

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Board of 3 Colonels

- **Army Ad Hoc Board**
  - **Officer resignations for the good of the service in lieu of general court-martial**
  - **Resignations/discharges in lieu of elimination**
  - **Probationary officer elimination**

281 Cases FY13

Disability Boards

Board of 3 Colonels / Lieutenant Colonels (1-2 Medical Corps)

- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board (APDAB)**
  Adjudicates disability ratings given active duty Soldiers in the disability pipeline referred from the Physical Disability Agency (PDA)

- **Army Physical Disability Review Board (APDRB)**
  Reviews claims by Soldiers retired or released from active duty without pay for physical disability; 15 year statue of limitation

- **Army Disability Rating Review Board (ADRRB)**
  Hears petitions from retired Soldiers (retired less than five years) for relief pertaining to percentag disability

Total = 4 Cases in FY13

Disability Boards

DASA (Review Boards) is the Decision Authority for Army Case Recommendations from the DoD Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR)

- **Service members who were medically separated between 11 September 2001 and 31 December 2009, with a combined disability rating of 20% or less and not found eligible for retirement.**
- **PDBR staffed by medical and board members from all services**
- **Administrative support for the PDBR provided by US Air Force**
- **US Army PDA takes corrective a DASA(RB)**
- **2,082 cases to date**

Total = 1,052 Cases in FY13

Army Clemency and Parole Board (ACPB)

Mission:

- **Make independent, impartial decisions and recommendations for Army prisoners eligible for Parole (10 USC 952), Clemency (10 USC 953), Mandatory Supervised Release (DoDI 1325.07), Restoration to Duty, and transfer to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.**
- **In coordination with Federal, State, and local law enforcement and corrections partners - promote public safety,**

1 Civilian Chair,
3 Colonels/Lt Colonels/Sr Civilians, 1 Legal Advisor
995 Cases in FY13

Online Resources

- **ARBA Website: *http://arba.army.pentagon.mil***
  - **Information on ARBA Boards and applicant procedures**
  - **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers; ABCMR Applicant's Guide**
  - **Printable DD Form 149 (ABCMR) and DD Form 293 (ADRB)**
  - **ONLINE APPLICATION for ABCMR and ADRB!!**

- **Online Application: *http://actsonline.army.mil***
  - **Apply electronically to ABCMR and ADRB**
  - **Guides applicants through the process and provides helps**
  - **Signature page is printed at the end of the online application,**
    signed and mailed to ARBA with supporting documents
  - **Applicants can check application status online**

- **ARBA Case Tracking System (ACTS)**
  - **Case tracking and management**

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